

IN THE CLAIMS:

1. (Currently Amended) A method of manufacturing a window for an automotive vehicle comprising the steps of:

molding a main panel from a transparent synthetic resin, substantially free from optical distortion;

separately molding a supporting frame portion from a synthetic resin, including the step of inducing gas assist expansion of the frame portion to form a hollow cavity extending along said frame portion, said frame portion configured to be fit to an outer perimeter of said main panel, said frame portion molded from a synthetic resin and configured to provide a substantially enhanced edge stiffness of the perimeter of said panel; and

joining said frame portion to said main panel outer perimeter.

2. (Original) The method according to claim 1 wherein in said joining step, said frame portion is melt bonded to said main panel by inserting one of either said main panel or said frame portion in a mold in which the other of said main panel or said frame portion is molded.

3. (Currently Amended) The method according to claim 1 further including the step of ~~forming~~ molding an outwardly projecting rib ~~in~~ into said frame portion defining a rim in a plane parallel to but offset from ~~the~~ a plane of generally defined by said main panel.

4. (Currently Amended) The method according to claim 1 further including

the step of molding said frame portion from an opaque synthetic resin material to cause said frame portion to define a masking border extending about the perimeter of said main panel.

5. (Original) The method according to claim 1 wherein said frame portion is molded from a synthetic resin of a stiffness greater than the synthetic resin from which said main panel is molded.

6. (Original) The method according to claim 1 wherein said main panel is molded from polycarbonate resin.

7. (Original) The window made by the method of claim 1.

8. (Original) The window made by the method of claim 2.

9. (Original) The window made by the method of claim 3.

10. (Original) The window made by the method of claim 4.

11. (Original) The window made by the method of claim 5.

12. (Original) The window made by the method of claim 6.